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"The answers were—

'(a) Advance copies of memorials have been received direct but none have been received yet through the District and Sessions Judges and the High Court.'

"I do not propose to read the answer to (b) as it is not relevant for my purpose.

'(c) In view of the answer to clause (a) this question does not arise.'

"Now, Sir, the question here is: whether the Government have considered the question of taking copyists into the regular service with the benefit of pension, leave, etc., and have passed any orders about the matter. There are two ways for the Government to pass orders. I speak subject to correction. It is not necessary that Government must be moved by some petition or memorial It may be that they may pass orders *suo motu* on the question The question is whether Government have, independent of memorials to which no reference is made here but is made in the other question, passed orders. If we refer to clause (a) of the previous question, the answer is that advance copies of questions have been received. But since then the final memorials may have been received. Unless you supply the lacuna, if I may respectfully say so, Government cannot be presumed to have passed orders on these memorials. On the first occasion the memorials were not received and therefore the question has not been fully answered. The memorials must have been received between the and the date of answer to this question. If so, the Government may be in a position to tell us whether they have considered the matter."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Supplemental questions may be framed."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"Thank you, Sir. May I . . ."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"By notice."

Irrigation

Report of the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee.

*680 Q.—Mr. K. KOTI REDDI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with regard to the report of the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee—

(a) whether the Chief Engineer for Irrigation or other officials concerned have reported to the Government the result of their investigation on the points referred to them by the Government, and, if so, what their opinion is;

(b) whether any geological survey has been made of the site in the Bombay Presidency suggested by the committee or other sites suitable for a reservoir and if so, what their result of the survey is; and

(c) what further steps, if any, are taken by the Government in order to give effect to the recommendations of the committee?

A.—(a) & (c) The creation of a separate Tank Restoration Scheme division for the Ceded districts is under consideration. The committee's recommendations in regard to kudimaramat and the revival of derelict tanks are under the consideration of the Board of

Revenue; and the Chief Engineer has been asked to revise the instructions to Tank Restoration Scheme parties to include the investigation of ruined tanks. Increased provision is being made for the upkeep of minor irrigation works. The committee's recommendation in regard to the development of well irrigation by pumping with mechanical and electrical appliances, is under the consideration of the Board of Revenue. The transfer of the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal to the sole charge of the Executive Engineer, Kurnool, has been recommended by the Chief Engineer and orders will be passed shortly. The Chief Engineer's report regarding the five projects referred to in paragraph 7 of the Government Order on the committee's report is awaited. The committee's recommendations regarding the Tungabhadra project are being investigated.

(*b*) A preliminary investigation has been made by the Assistant Director of Geological Survey of India; and he has suggested a site. This is to be further examined as soon as seasonal conditions permit.

Landlord and Tenant.

Composition of the Malabar Tenancy Committee.

* 681 *Q.*—Mr. D. Narayana Raju: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what action the Government have taken in the light of the adjournment motion carried on 27th August last regarding the appointment and the composition of the Malabar Tenancy Committee?

A.—The question of adding two more representatives of tenants to the Malabar Tenancy Committee has been under the consideration of Government.

Mr. D. Narayana Raju:—"May I know, Sir, why the Government have not taken immediate action?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"It is desirable to get the Committee's report. The Committee was appointed not only to get information but also to draft a Bill. When that Bill has been received, Government will consider what action is necessary."

Mr. D. Narayana Raju:—"Is it not for the benefit of the House that the Committee was appointed to gather information?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"The Committee have to report in the first instance to Government."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know, Sir, from the hon. the Law Member whether the Malabar Tenancy Committee is now functioning?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"Yes."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"If it is functioning, may I know why the question of adding two more representatives has been so long under consideration?"